1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 10 AT TACOMA 11 EFRAIN MEDINA, 12 Case No. C09-5133 FDB/KLS Plaintiff, 13 ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO PROCEED v. 14 IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND DR. KEITH BAHLARAMA, DIRECTING INSTITUTION TO 15 CALCULATE, COLLECT, AND Defendant. FORWARD PAYMENTS 16 17 18 The Court, having reviewed Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis, does hereby find 19 and ORDER. 20 Plaintiff's declaration indicates he is unable to afford the court's filing fee or give security 21 therefor. Accordingly, Plaintiff's application to proceed as a pauper is **GRANTED.** As set forth below, 22 an initial partial filing fee will be collected, and Plaintiff is required to make monthly payments of 23 20 percent of the preceding months income credited to his/her account until the full amount of the 24 filing fee is satisfied. 25 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Plaintiff's approved application to proceed in forma pauperis, 26 the agency having custody of the above named Plaintiff is directed to calculate an initial partial filing fee 27 equal to 20 percent of greater of -- the average monthly deposits to the prisoner's account or the average 28 monthly balance in the prisoner's account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of this

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Order. The initial partial filing fee should be forwarded to the Court Clerk as soon as practicable.

Subsequently, if the prisoner's account exceeds \$10.00, each month the agency is directed to collect and forward payments equal to 20 percent of the prisoner's preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account. In the event that the monthly payment would reduce the prisoner's account below \$10.00, the agency should collect and forward only that amount which would reduce the prisoner's account to the \$10.00 level. Please note that this \$10.00 limit does not apply to the initial partial filing fee described above. Finally, the monthly payments should be collected and forwarded to the court until the entire filing fee (\$350.00) for this matter has been paid.

The Clerk is directed to send plaintiff a copy of this Order and the General Order, and a copy of this Order along with a copy of Plaintiff's Acknowledgment and Authorization portion of the IFP application to the attention of the inmate account manager of the Washington Corrections Center, Shelton, Washington.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2009.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge